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SUBJECT: ANGOLA ENDORSES SOMALI CALL FOR OAU MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

REFS: A) MOGADISCIO 1458 (NOTAL), B) MOGADISCIO 1433 (NOTAL),
C) MOGADISCIO 1431 (NOTAL)

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1. THE SOMALI PRESS AND RADIO REPORT THAT THE GSDR RECEIVED A
MESSAGE FROM ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER DOS SANTOS ON SEPTEMBER 21
ENDORING PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE'S SEPTEMBER 4 CALL FOR
AN EXTRAORDINARY OAU MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA.
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DOS SANTOS REPORTEDLY ASKED THAT THE CONFERENCE BE HELD AT DAR

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2. THE ANGOLAN ENDORSEMENT SUGGESTS THAT PRO-MOSCOW AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS MAY BE CLOSING RANKS AROUND THE SIAD PROPOSAL. THEY PROBABLY SEE SUCH A CONFERENCE AS A WAY OF OVERCOMING THEIR RELATIVE EXCLUSION FROM THE FAST-BREAKING DEVELOPMENTS SURROUNDING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY AND PERHAPS ALSO AS A VEHICLE TO TRY TO UNDERMINE UNITED STATES SHUTTLE OBJECTIVES.

3. HITHERTO THE ONLY OTHER ENDORSEMENT TO COME TO OUR ATTENTION WAS THAT OF LESOTHO'S MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, WHO VISITED MOGADISCIO SHORTLY AFTER SIAD ISSUED HIS CALL. HOWEVER, THE MINISTER MAY HAVE BEEN SPEAKING MORE AS A DUTIFUL GUEST THAN AS AN AUTHORIZED SPOKESMAN OF THE GOL AND, IN ANY EVENT, LESOTHO APPARENTLY IS NOT AN ASPIRANT PLAYER IN THE CURRENT DIPLOMATIC MOVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. ANGOLA'S ENDORSEMENT IS OF A DIFFERENT ORDER AND SUGGESTS THAT THE US GOVERNMENT SHOULD KEEP AN EYE ON SIAD'S PROPOSAL.
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